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## U.S. POSTAL PRIORITY MAIL

Mr. Martin Castles, Courtroom Clerk to Judge Nathaniel M. Gorton U.S. District Court 595 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608

RE: Boxcar Media, LLC et al VS: RedneckJunk, LLC et al C.A. No. 04-40051-NMG (Formerly Worcester Superior Court C. A. No. WOCV2004-00524-B)

Dear Clerk Castles:

Pursuant to *Local Rule 81.1*, enclosed herewith are attested copies of all pleadings on file with the Worcester Superior Court, along with the docket sheet.

Very truly yours,

Robert F. Casey, Jr.

RFC:mg Enclosures

cc: Dr. Thomas P. Connelly (w/encs.)
Attorney Jean Sifleet (w/encs.)
Attorney Brenda M. Cotter (w/encs.)

Attorney Amanda C. Basta (w/encs.)

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Robert F. Casey, Jr., attorney for the defendants, do hereby certify that on this date I served a copy of the following documents by U.S. Postal First Class Mail, postage prepaid, as follows:

Letter to Mr. Martin Castles, Courtroom Clerk to
Judge Nathaniel M. Gorton
U.S. District Court
Worcester, MA
dated April 28, 2004
with enclosures
(consisting of all pleadings filed with the Worcester Superior Court)

to:

Plaintiffs' counsel:

Attorney Brenda M. Cotter Attorney Amanda C. Basta BROWN RUDNICK BERLACK ISRAELS, LLP One Financial Center Boston, MA 02111

Sworn and subscribed to by me under the pains and penalties of perjury this 28th day of April, 2004.

Robert F. Casey, Jr.

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SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT
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CIVIL ACTION NO. 04-0524

BOXCAR MEDIA, LLC, and RACEWAY MEDIA, LLC, Plaintiffs,

V.

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REDNECKJUNK, LLC,
DR. THOMAS P. CONNELLY and
CONNELLY RACING, INC.,
Defendants.

## **COMPLAINT**

## INTRODUCTION

1. Raceway Media, LLC ("Raceway") is the owner of a business and web site known as "RacingJunk.com" which connects buyers and sellers of racing related parts and supplies. The distinctive trademarks "RacingJunk" and "RacingJunk.com" are well known among automobile racing fans and participants and are associated with one source, Raceway. Boxcar Media, LLC ("Boxcar"), an affiliate of Raceway, is the owner of businesses and web sites known as "BoatingJunk.com" and "RvJunk.com" which provide similar services to RacingJunk.com with respect to boats and recreational vehicles ("RV's"). The distinctive trademarks "BoatingJunk," "BoatingJunk.com," "RvJunk" and "RvJunk.com" are very well known to the boating and RV communities and are associated with one source, Boxcar Media.

The defendants, Connelly Racing, Inc., RedneckJunk, LLC and/or Dr. Thomas P. Connelly, have launched a competing business and web site located at www.redneckjunk.com and called "redneckjunk.com" and "rjunk.com." The defendants' intentional selection of confusingly similar trade names has caused and will continue to cause actual consumer

confusion and harm to plaintiffs' trademarks and business. The defendants sought originally to invest in plaintiffs' businesses and, failing that, launched a competing business utilizing infringing marks in an effort to improperly appropriate for themselves the goodwill associated with plaintiffs' brands.

## PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

- 2. The Plaintiff Raceway Media, LLC is a Massachusetts corporation with a principal place of business in North Adams, Massachusetts.
- 3. The plaintiff Boxcar Media, LLC is a Massachusetts corporation with a principal place of business in North Adams, Massachusetts.
- 4. The defendant RedneckJunk, LLC is, on information and belief, a Massachusetts corporation with a principal place of business at 536 Main Street, Bolton, Massachusetts.
- 5. The defendant Dr. Thomas P. Connelly is, on information and belief, an individual residing and with a place of business at 536 Main Street, Bolton, Massachusetts.
- 6. The defendant Connelly Racing, Inc. ("Connelly Racing") is, on information and belief, a Massachusetts corporation with a principal place of business at 536 Main Street, Bolton, Massachusetts.

#### <u>FACTS</u>

## THE PLAINTIFF'S TRADEMARKS

- 7. RacingJunk.com has done business in Massachusetts and throughout the United States since 1999.
- 8. The web site and business "RacingJunk.com" and the distinctive trademarks "RacingJunk" and "RacingJunk.com" are well known among automobile racing participants and fans.

- 9. The trademarks "RacingJunk" and "RacingJunk.com" are promoted through the web site and other marketing activities and are associated with one source, Raceway.
- 10. In light of the success of RacingJunk.com, on or about January, 2003, Boxcar Media, an affiliate of Raceway, created the businesses and web sites "BoatingJunk.com" and "RvJunk.com." The distinctive trademarks "BoatingJunk," "BoatingJunk.com," "RvJunk" and "RvJunk.com" are well known within the boating and RV communities. They are promoted through their own web sites as well as through the RacingJunk.com web site and other marketing activities and are associated with one source, Boxcar Media.

## THE DEFENDANTS' ACTIVITIES

- 11. On or about January 16, 2004, Dr. Thomas P. Connelly contacted Boxcar Media about a potential relationship between Connelly and/or Connelly Racing and Boxcar Media.
- 12. Connelly inquired about investing in Boxcar Media and also about "creat[ing] an equitable opportunity for RacingJunk, BoatingJunk and RvJunk" by permitting these entities to advertise on racing cars and uniforms. See Proposal from Connelly Racing to Boxcar Media dated January 17, 2004 attached as Exhibit A.
- 13. The parties were unable to agree to the terms of a business relationship and, on or about January 27, 2004, Boxcar Media provided final written confirmation to Dr. Connelly that it was not interested in a deal on the terms proposed.
- 14. On or about January 26, 2004, Dr. Connelly and Connelly Racing, purportedly acting through an entity called RedneckJunk, LLC (which did not exist at the time), registered the domain name "RedneckJunk.com" and, on or about March 8, 2004, the defendants launched a business at the web site <a href="www.Redneckjunk.com">www.Redneckjunk.com</a>. On information and belief, the Defendants marketed <a href="www.Redneckjunk.com">www.Redneckjunk.com</a> prior to March 8, 2004.

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- The business at the web site "RedneckJunk.com" offers the same services as the 15. RacingJunk.com, BoatingJunk.com and RvJunk.com businesses and web sites, that is, it purports to connect buyers and sellers of racing, boating and RV parts and supplies.
- In creating and launching their RedneckJunk.com business and site, defendants 16. copied, without permission, advertisements from RacingJunk.com onto their own site. The copyright on that advertising copy is owned by Raceway as noted on their site.
- On Sunday, March 6, 2004, in an automobile race known as the UAW-Daimler 17. Chrysler 400, RedneckJunk.com ran a prominent advertisement on a participating race car driven by Derrike Cope. At the same race, RacingJunk.com had sponsored a car driven by Carl Long.
- At the race, numerous race participants asked whether RacingJunk.com and 18. RedneckJunk.com were related in some way.
- After the race, plaintiffs received consumer inquiry about its purported 19. sponsorship of the Derrike Cope car.
- 20. Even apart from this consumer confusion, this type of association is very damaging to RacingJunk because the term "redneck" is a very derogatory term on the racing circuit.
- 21. Indeed, NASCAR refused to permit RedneckJunk.com to sponsor a car at an Atlanta Motor Speedway race on March 13, 2004 because, according to a NASCAR spokesman, "we just didn't feel like that projected the proper image of our sport."
- 22. In response to the NASCAR decision, Redneckjunk.com claims to have changed its business name to "rjunk.com." However, the web site is still located at www.redneckjunk.com and it contains numerous references to RedneckJunk.com. On

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information and belief, RedneckJunk registered the domain name <u>www.rjunk.com</u> on March 15, 2004.

23. "Rjunk.com" is also likely to be confused with plaintiffs' businesses. Indeed, there is no reason for defendants to use the word "junk" in the title of their competing business except to trade on plaintiffs' brand recognition and reputation and good will.

#### **CLAIMS**

#### COUNT I

## (Trademark Infringement)

- 24. The plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 23 as if separately set forth herein.
- 25. By adopting and using a business and domain name confusingly similar to the plaintiffs' trademarks, defendants are making a false express and/or implied representation that its services are from or associated with plaintiffs.
- 26. Defendants' conduct constitutes false descriptions or designations of origin within 15 U.S.C. §1125(a).
- 27. The defendants' conduct has caused and likely will continue to cause consumer confusion and substantial and irreparable injury and harm to plaintiffs' reputation as well as economic damages. Unless enjoined, defendants will likely continue their conduct.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiffs request the relief set forth below.

#### COUNT II

## (Palming Off)

28. The plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 27 as if separately set forth herein.

- 29. On information and belief, Connelly, Connelly Racing and RedneckJunk, LLC are intentionally trying to palm off their business as being connected to plaintiffs' businesses by utilizing business names and web site names confusingly similar to plaintiffs' trademarks and by copying plaintiffs' advertisements onto their web sites.
  - 30. Defendants' acts and conduct constitute tortious palming off.
- 31. The defendants' conduct has caused, and will continue to cause, consumer confusion, substantial and irreparable injury and harm to plaintiffs' reputation and economic damages. Unless enjoined, defendants will likely continue their conduct.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiffs request the relief set forth below.

#### COUNT III

(Common Law Trademark Infringement)

- 32. The plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 31 as if separately set forth herein.
- 33. The plaintiffs own certain distinctive trademarks including: "RacingJunk," "RacingJunk.com," "BoatingJunk.com," "RvJunk" and "RvJunk.com."
- 34. The defendants have intentionally and willfully adopted and used phrases confusingly similar to these marks in an attempt to appropriate for themselves the goodwill associated with plaintiffs' marks.
  - 35. Defendants' conduct constitutes common law trademark infringement.
- 36. The defendants' conduct has caused consumer confusion and will cause continued consumer confusion as well as substantial and irreparable injury and harm to plaintiffs' reputation and economic damages. Unless enjoined, defendants will likely continue their conduct.

## COUNT IV

(Injury to Business Reputation pursuant to G.L. c. 110B §§ 12)

- The plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 36 as if separately 37. set forth herein.
- The defendants' conduct as set forth herein has caused and is likely to continue to 38. cause injury to plaintiffs' business reputation and dilution of plaintiffs' trademarks.
- 39. The defendants' conduct has caused substantial and irreparable injury and harm to plaintiffs' reputation and economic damages. Unless enjoined, defendants will likely continue their conduct.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiffs request the relief set forth below.

#### COUNT V

(Violation of G.L. c. 93A)

- The plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 39 as if separately 40. set forth herein.
- The defendants' acts and conduct as described herein which have occurred 41. primarily and substantially in Massachusetts are unfair and deceptive business practices proscribed by Mass. G.L. c. 93A.
- The defendants' conduct has caused and will continue to cause plaintiffs 42. substantial and irreparable injury, harm to their reputation and economic damages. Unless enjoined, defendants will likely continue their conduct.

## PRAYERS FOR RELIEF

- On Counts I through V, award judgment in favor of plaintiffs and enter a 1. preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining defendants from using the name "RedneckJunk," "RedneckJunk.com," "RJunk," "RJunk.com" or any other name confusingly similar to plaintiffs' trademarks "RacingJunk," "RacingJunk.com," "BoatingJunk," "BoatingJunk.com," "RvJunk" and "RvJunk.com";
- On Counts I through V, award judgment in favor of plaintiffs and award plaintiffs 2. damages in an amount to be determined, multiplied as appropriate, plus punitive damages, costs, interest and fees; and
  - Award such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. 3. PLAINTIFFS REQUEST A JURY TRIAL ON ALL CLAIMS.

Respectfully submitted, BOXCAR MEDIA, LLC RACEWAY MEDIA, LLC

by their attorneys,

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Amanda C. Basta, counsel for the plaintiffs, hereby certify this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004, that the foregoing Verified Complaint will be served by Worcester County Sheriff's Office Process Division upon RedneckJunk, LLC, Dr. Thomas P. Connelly, and Connelly Racing, Inc.

Amanda C. Basta

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## **CLAIMS**

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## (Palming Off)

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#### **COUNT IV**

(Injury to Business Reputation pursuant to G.L. c. 110B §§ 12)

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#### COUNT V

(Interference with contractual and/or advantageous business relations)

- 40. The plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 39 as if separately set forth herein.
- The plaintiffs have contractual and/or advantageous business relations with their 41. advertisers and potential advertisers.
- By, among other things, copying the content of plaintiffs' web site to its own, 42. defendants have improperly interfered with plaintiffs' contractual and/or advantageous business relations with its customers.
- The defendants' conduct has caused substantial and irreparable injury and harm to 43. plaintiffs' reputation and economic damages. Unless enjoined, defendants will likely continue their conduct.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiffs request the relief set forth below.

#### COUNT VI

# (Violation of G.L. c. 93A)

- 44. The plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 43 as if separately set forth herein.
- The defendants' acts and conduct as described herein which have occurred 45. primarily and substantially in Massachusetts are unfair and deceptive business practices proscribed by Mass. G.L. c. 93A.
- The defendants' conduct has caused and will continue to cause plaintiffs 46. substantial and irreparable injury, harm to their reputation and economic damages. Unless enjoined, defendants will likely continue their conduct.

# PRAYERS FOR RELIEF

- 1. On Counts I through VI, award judgment in favor of plaintiffs and enter a preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining defendants from marketing and/or using the business or domain names "RedneckJunk," "RedneckJunk.com," "RJunk," "RJunk.com" or any other name confusingly similar to plaintiffs' trademarks "RacingJunk," "RacingJunk.com," "BoatingJunk," "BoatingJunk.com," "RvJunk" and "RvJunk.com";
- 2. On Counts II, V and VI award judgment in favor of plaintiffs and enter a preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining defendants from copying any content from plaintiffs' web sites, including, without limitation, consumer advertisements.
- 3. On Counts I through VI, award judgment in favor of plaintiffs and award plaintiffs damages in an amount to be determined, multiplied as appropriate, plus punitive damages, costs, interest and fees; and

Award such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. 4.

PLAINTIFFS REQUEST A JURY TRIAL ON ALL CLAIMS.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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